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TODAY

Calendar

'Programming Innate Immunity'

Staci Bilbo, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience systems at Duke University presents a seminar titled "Programming Innate Immunity: Implications for Brain and Behavior Throughout the Lifespan" in the Pharmacy Building 4.114 at 11 a.m.

'Live Music Capital'

Dr. Elliot Tretter, Department of Geography, presents a talk on the implications of Austin's branding itself as the "Live Music Capital of the World" will be discussed at the Butler School of Music 2.634 at 4 p.m.

'Il gattopardo'

Visconti's "The Leopard" will be screened in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy in the Mezes Basement at 8 p.m.

'The Pain and the Itch'

A satire of the politics of class and race will be shown in the Laboratory Theatre Building at 8 p.m.

Al Stewart

Cactus Cafe presents Al Stewart at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.

Today in history

In 2001

Millionaire Dennis Tito becomes the world's first space tourist.

Campus watch

Human pinball

100 Block West 21st Street
A UT student was observed bouncing off buildings and bumping into trees as he made his way through campus. During the investigation, the officers detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the student's breath and other signs of intoxication. The officers were unable to comprehend the student. The student was taken into custody for public intoxication.



Quote to note

"I do not believe that the Arab revolt can be stopped. I believe there will be a deepening of the process despite the attempts to stop it because the genie has been let out, has been released."

— **Ahmed Hawki**
Editor of the International Socialist Review

NEWS PAGE 5

Education board discusses governor's proposal for cheaper degree

By Victoria Pagan
Daily Texan Staff

Educators scoffed when Gov. Rick Perry proposed a \$10,000 bachelor's degree in February, but the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is taking steps to make his idea a reality.

The board met Wednesday for the first in a series of discussions on how to create and implement such a plan. Perry said he hopes that up to 10 percent of Texas university students would graduate under the model if it succeeds.

The proposed degree will incorporate online classes and resources,

require use of low-cost textbooks and extend credit for relevant internships, work experience and previous knowledge shown with placement tests to dramatically reduce the cost of education.

Van Davis, special projects director for the coordinating board, said in order for the plan to work, it

has to be rigorous, targeted, highly structured, competency-based and leverage technology, and it must include multiple pathways and have extensive faculty support.

"We want to create more options for students that keep up the quality that already exists at our institutions," Davis said. "This is

not going to be the degree for every student, but we want to expand their options."

Governor's adviser David Young said the \$10,000 degree plan is the step Texas needs to make following Closing the Gaps, a higher

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Karaoke goers enjoy their time hanging out with friends at New Seoul Karaoke Studio, located on Airport Boulevard and Pampa Drive. Many people consider karaoke to be liberating and a way to let loose.

ALL-YOU-CAN-SING KARAOKE

Far from the constraints of a shower, Austinites come in droves to gather around the flickering screen of an old television. At New Seoul Karaoke Studio, a man cleaning out a singing room mentions hearing that people come to sing after heartbreak. This might seem fitting upon discovering that karaoke translates to "empty orchestra."

A study published earlier this year in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* reports that the occasional karaoke night coupled with casual drinking can be good for your health. Then again, there are also reports saying that karaoke leads to alcoholism.

Whatever the effects, you would be hard-pressed to find a person who hasn't held a microphone in their hand and sung a horrendous rendition of a famous song.

— Ryan Edwards

ONLINE: Explore the Austin karaoke scene with video
[@dailytexanonline.com](http://dailytexanonline.com)

82ND LEGISLATURE

Senator adds amendment to allow guns onto campus

By Melissa Ayala
Daily Texan Staff

Concealed carry on campus may have another shot after Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, added the bill as an amendment to another bill.

Wentworth shocked fellow members when he added his bill, which was presumed dead, as the seventh amendment to a higher education bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. Zaffirini's bill, which would reduce reporting requirements for universities to hopefully save them money, was up for debate Wednesday.

Wentworth said the amendment contained very similar text to his original bill, which he said would allow concealed-handgun license holders to "protect themselves."

"This is an amendment that would allow the concealed carry of handguns on campuses of institutions of higher education," Wentworth said. "We had a long discussion over the [concealed carry] bill in the past couple days. This was a last-minute amendment."

Sens. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, and Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, pulled their support from Wentworth's bill during the first week of April, making it two votes short of the 21 votes needed to go up for debate as an individual bill.

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Powers works to lower costs, find funds

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

UT administrators will continue to explore ways to incorporate technology into academics without

compromising University values in the face of dwindling state funds, President William Powers Jr. wrote in an email Tuesday.

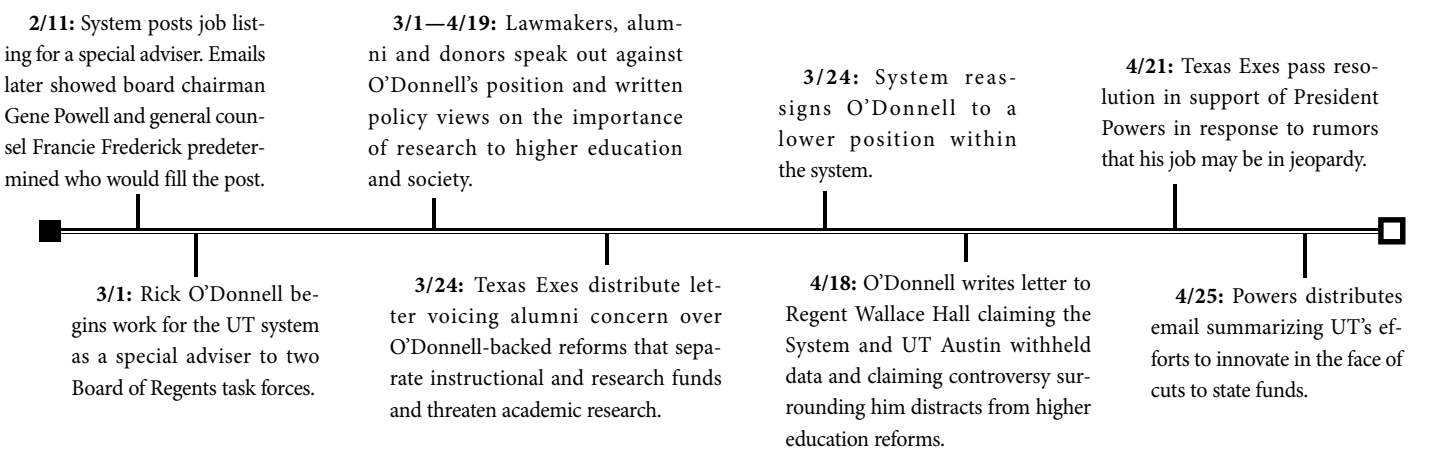
The efforts, including reworking undergraduate curriculum, pursuing energy efficiency measures

and embracing alternative profit streams, began before the Board of Regents' brief appointment of special adviser Rick O'Donnell opened debates among alumni, lawmakers,

donors and administrators about how to move forward.

One alternative profit stream, the University's "Longhorn Network"

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Men's rugby head coach calls death 'freak accident'

By Ahsika Sanders
Daily Texan Staff

Fatal injuries in rugby are extremely rare, despite the sport's limited protective gear and aggressive nature, said a men's rugby coach.

UT women's rugby club captain Stephanie Flores died of complications from a head injury sustained during a match in Kansas City two weeks ago. However, Butch Neuenschwander, head coach of the men's rugby club team at UT, said her rare and tragic accident doesn't require the sport to change its rules.

Twenty-two-year-old Flores hit her head after being tackled during a regional tournament. She

was hospitalized in Kansas City on April 10 and died in the intensive care unit on April 14.

Neuenschwander said the severity of Flores' injury was a "freak accident" and came as a shock because fatal injuries are very rare in rugby. Neuenschwander said rugby is a very safe sport, and in his 20 years of playing, coaching and refereeing rugby, he has never seen an accident like Flores' and neither has his coaching staff.

"People who don't understand the sport and see maybe a glimpse of it on TV think it's this really rough, barbaric sport, like we're playing tackle football without pads, but that's not true," he said.

Neuenschwander said rug-



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Butch Neuenschwander, head coach of the UT men's rugby club team said that rugby is a safe sport with a strong community.

by officials and coaches take extreme steps when training players to instill the proper ways to tackle safely, and the regulations are strictly enforced.

"We take safety very seriously, and players know that," he said. "A

guy can be thrown out of a match and suspended from playing for months at a time if he makes some kind of dangerous play."

UT men's rugby club's sports

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TODAY'S TIP: Water-wise Landscaping

About 20% of UT-Austin's water goes to irrigation, and we're working to reduce that with new plantings (look along 24th St. between GEA and PAI). Help us by reporting outdoor water leaks at UT to 471-6888. The Wildflower Center has great resources on native and low water use plants for the home.

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CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error in Tuesday's page 5 news story about smoking, the story should have said Emily Morris is a public health student.

Because of a reporting error, Wednesday's page 1 story on the Live Tobacco-Free Austin campaign misidentified Emily Morris. She should have been identified as a graduate student at the Austin branch of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

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deal with ESPN, has already been assigned to fund new endowed faculty chairs in physics and philosophy, Powers wrote.

"We must cultivate innovation, exploring new, more effective pathways for how our students and faculty learn and create new knowledge," Powers wrote.

Faculty Council chair Dean Neikirk said everyone involved in the debate wants to make things better, but an honest disagreement exists between some outside reformers and some faculty and administration within the educational system.

"I think faculty are very invested in continually improving. It's something we do all the time," Neikirk said. "Suggesting that we aren't interested in change is incorrect and offensive, and I think some of these claims come from people who haven't really bothered to understand what goes on in higher education."

He said most faculty have firsthand knowledge of the efforts the president outlined in his letter, but seeing the efforts under way at UT summarized and contextualized helped quell some concerns over the direction proposed reforms could carry the University.

Vice provost for undergraduate education

Gretchen Ritter said faculty began lowering some early hurdles for first-year students by re-structuring large entry-level courses through the Course Transformation Program that began last fall. She said despite the costs associated with developing interactive classroom and educational technology, the University benefits by increasing the number of students who complete courses.

"I think there is a deep appreciation of the importance of the in-classroom experience for student learning, and the way students benefit from being with peers and top faculty and engaging in inquiry experiences," Ritter said. "We wouldn't want to do things that would replace that experience."

Student regent Kyle Kalkwarf said the Regents' Task Force on Blended and Online Learning, of which he is a member, has heard presentations from two research groups collaborating with UT on the Course Transformation Program and from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The foundation supports the Open Learning Initiative, which offers free online courses in an effort to develop new education methods. UT and about eight other Texas schools are participating in the initiative.

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There were at least three planned amendments to Wentworth's amendment, which define legal weapons, establish secure storage of guns in dorms and exclude primary and secondary schools on college campuses from the mandate.

Zaffirini said the move "disappointed and flabbergasted" her. Zaffirini and other senators met at the front of the room and spoke about the unexpected amendment for 10 minutes before she decided to close discussion on it for the day. She said Wentworth already has the 16 votes needed to pass the amendment. If it passes, Zaffirini said she will kill her bill as a result. The bill will be on the floor again today.

"I did not expect this amendment," Zaffirini said. "It is very controversial among university regents, and it should stand as its own bill."

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medicine physician Martha Pyron said there are three categories of potentially fatal injuries in sports: head injuries that could be as minor as a concussion, cardiac injuries that could cause heart problems and lung conditions such as asthma.

Pyron said in the last 30 years, rugby has been adapted to make the sport safer, but that doesn't mean there is no risk of serious injury.

"The risk that [is specific to] rugby is that it does not allow any rigid material on the player," she said. "They are not allowed to wear helmets, but they can wear a skull cap with padding inside that provides a little bit of protection but not a lot."

Pyron agrees that Flores' fatal injury was a very uncommon incident. She's been tending to the men's rugby team for eight years and has only seen one neck injury on an opposing team that could have been severe.

She also said rarity does not eliminate the risk.

"This was a really rare thing that happened, but it is still possible," she said. "Especially in a contact sport that doesn't provide any real head protection."

Pyron said one of the most challenging things in sports medicine is determining when to recommend changing the rules of the sport or how it is played.

"At what point do you change the rules of the game all depends on the number of injuries and how many people are really having problems," she said. "I'm not so sure rugby is at the point that they need to make that kind of change."

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Tornado storm hits four states, kills 72 people

By Holbrook Mohr & Jay Reeves
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A wave of tornado-spawning storms strafed the South on Wednesday, splintering buildings across hard-hit Alabama and killing 72 people in four states.

At least 58 people died in Alabama alone, including 15 or more when a massive tornado devastated Tuscaloosa. The mayor said sections of the city that's home to the University of Alabama have been destroyed, and the city's infrastructure is devastated.

Eleven deaths were reported in Mississippi, two in Georgia and one in Tennessee.

News footage showed paramedics lifting a child out of a flattened Tuscaloosa home, with many neighboring buildings in the city of more than 83,000 also reduced to rubble. A hospital there said its emergency room had admitted at least 100 people.

"What we faced today was massive damage on a scale we have not seen in Tuscaloosa in quite some time," Mayor Walter Maddox told reporters, adding that he expected his city's death toll to rise.

The storm system spread destruction Tuesday night and Wednesday from Texas to Georgia, and it was forecast to hit the Carolinas next before moving further northeast.

President Barack Obama said he had spoken with Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley and approved his request for emergency federal assistance, including search and rescue assets.

"Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by this dev-



Dusty Compton | Associated Press

Bystanders look on at storm damage along 15th Street in Tuscaloosa, Ala. A strong tornado moved through the city Wednesday afternoon.

astation, and we commend the heroic efforts of those who have been working tirelessly to respond to this disaster," Obama said in a statement.

Maddox said authorities were having trouble communicating, and 1,400 National Guard soldiers were being deployed around the state. The flashing lights of emergency vehicles could be seen on darkened streets all over town, and some were using winches to remove flipped vehicles from the roadside.

As he walked away from the wreckage, trees and power lines crisscrossed residential streets, and police cars and utility trucks blocked a main highway.

"The house was destroyed. We

couldn't stay in it. Water pipes broke; it was flooding the basement," he said. "We had people coming in telling us another storm was coming in about four or five hours, so we just packed up."

Storms also killed two people in Georgia and one in Tennessee on Wednesday.

In eastern Tennessee, a woman was killed by falling trees in her trailer in Chattanooga. Just outside the city in Tiftonia, what appeared to be a tornado also struck at the base of the tourist peak Lookout Mountain.

Tops were snapped off trees and insulation and metal roof panels littered the ground. Police officers

walked down the street, spray-painting symbols on houses they had checked for people who might be inside.

Many around the region were happy to survive unscathed even if their houses didn't. In Choctaw County, Miss., 31-year-old Melanie Cade patched holes in her roof after it was heavily damaged overnight.

"The room lit up, even though the power was out. Stuff was blowing into the house, like leaves and bark. Rain was coming in sideways," she said, adding that they managed to scurry into a bathroom. "I didn't care what happened to the house," Cade said. "I was just glad we got out of there."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Obama seeks to dispel rumors by releasing birth certificate

WASHINGTON — Responding to critics' relentless claims, President Barack Obama produced a detailed Hawaii birth certificate on Wednesday in an extraordinary attempt to bury the issue of where he was born and confirm his legitimacy to hold office. He declared, "We do not have time for this kind of silliness."

By going on national TV from the White House, Obama portrayed himself as a voice of reason amid a loud, lingering debate on his birth status. Though his personal attention to the issue elevated it as never before, Obama said to Republican detractors that it is time to move on to bigger issues.

The certificate says Obama was born to an American mother and Kenyan father, in Hawaii, which makes him eligible to hold the office of president. Obama released a standard short form before he was elected in 2008 but requested copies of his original birth certificate from Hawaii officials this week in hopes of quieting the controversy.

United States experiences rise in children raised by one parent

MIAMI — One in four children in the United States is being raised by a single parent — a percentage that has been on the rise and is higher than other developed countries, according to a report released Wednesday.

Of the 27 industrialized countries studied by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the U.S. had 25.8 percent of children being raised by a single parent, compared with an average of 14.9 percent across the other countries.

Ireland was second (24.3 percent), followed by New Zealand (23.7 percent). Greece, Spain, Italy and Luxemborg had among the lowest percentages of children in single-parent homes.

Experts point to a variety of factors to explain the high U.S. figure, including a cultural shift toward greater acceptance of single-parent child rearing. The U.S. also lacks policies to help support families, including childcare at work and national paid maternity leave, which are commonplace in other countries.

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VIEWPOINT:

Applauding Powers

When we met with UT President William Powers Jr. last fall, he stressed that his focus in the upcoming legislative session would be “budget cuts, budget cuts, budget cuts.” We never imagined that in the middle of a legislative session that will have enormous implications for Texas higher education, internal politics within the UT System would complicate his ability to protect UT funding.

And we definitely never fathomed that only five years into a presidency marked by higher rankings and successful efforts to recruit renowned professors, Powers’ job could possibly be in jeopardy.

On Tuesday, the Texas Exes alumni organization issued a resolution in support of Powers and his belief that the University should champion academic research as a means to educate students and enhance its academic reputation. While Exes president Richard Leshin acknowledged that he lacks firsthand knowledge of Powers’ job security, he said his sources are “very good” and he certainly had enough faith in them to email the Powers resolution to more than 200,000 alumni.

Adding to speculation, Powers sent a rare campus-wide email Tuesday defending his work at UT and describing his vision for a 21st century research university. The email did not directly address recent controversies about the Board of Regents or rumors about his job security. However, the email’s timing — one day after the Exes’ resolution — and subject matter — defending academic research while powerful figures devalue it paints a bleak picture.

If Powers’ position is in danger, it is likely because of his opposition to reforms supported by a number of influential conservatives, the most prominent of whom is Gov. Rick Perry. Unlike the Board of Regents and Higher Education Coordinating Board, Powers is neither a Perry appointee nor is he beholden to him. Perry is very cavalier about giving appointments to political allies and big donors in return for their loyalty, so it’s no surprise that while UT administrators, students and alumni have unequivocally voiced their support for academic research, the regents and the coordinating board are still trying to force the governor’s agenda upon UT.

Perry is notorious for eliminating defectors. Two years ago, several Texas Tech regents were pressured to resign because they supported Kay Bailey Hutchinson in her primary campaign against Perry. He also has a reputation for isolating himself from the possibility of criticism or scrutiny. During his last campaign, Perry refused to meet with newspaper editorial boards or debate his opponent Bill White.

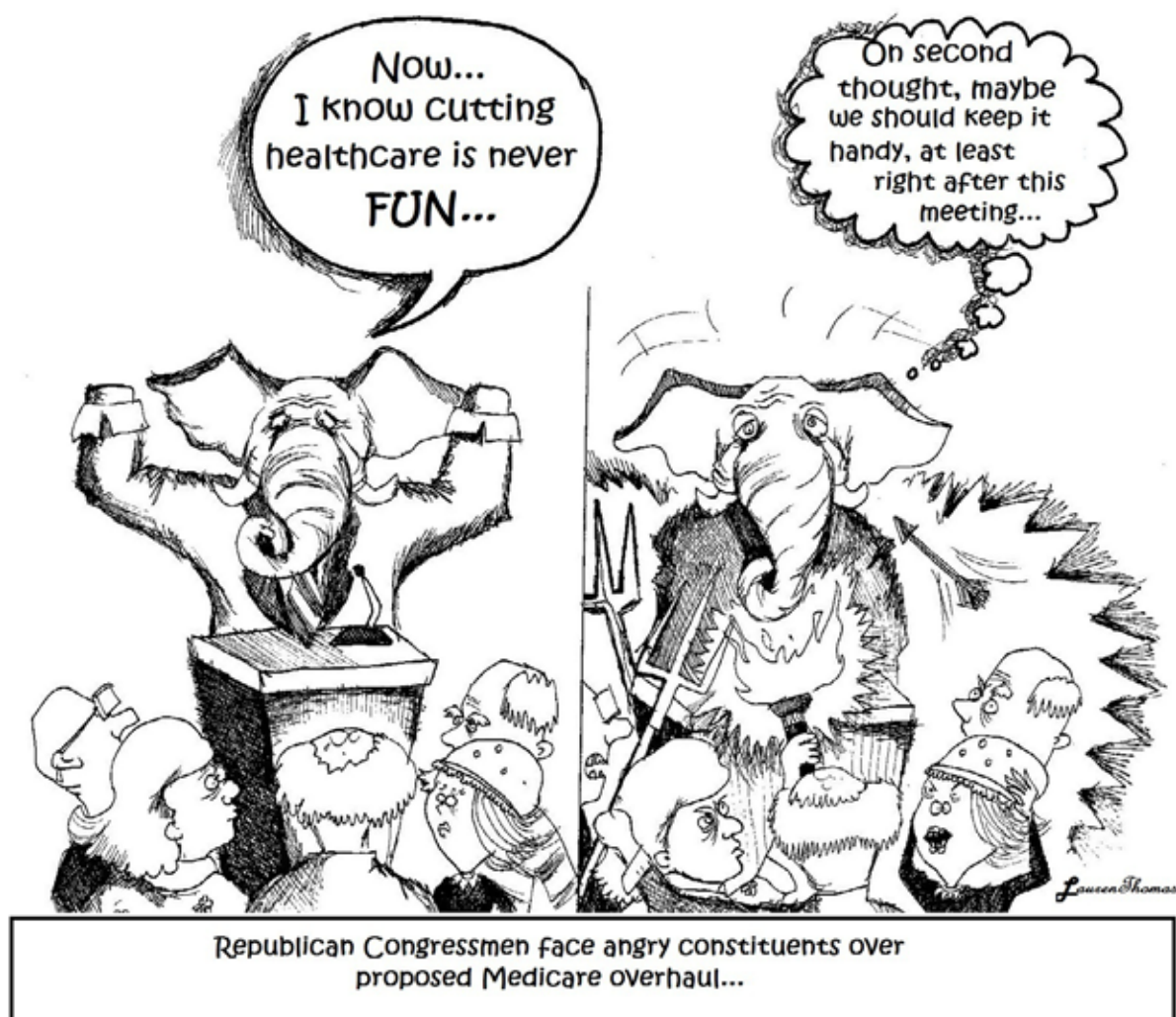
Clearly, the governor expects everybody to play for Team Perry, and he’s certainly not accustomed to the resistance Powers and other Longhorns have mounted. Unfortunately, Perry holds most of the cards. In the UT System, presidents are appointed by the Board of Regents, and the Board of Regents is appointed by the governor. One would hope the regents would consider the opinions of the massive coalition of UT students and alumni that formed in response to reform efforts, but at the end of the day the regents know where their bread is buttered.

With this in mind, we applaud Powers for protecting the University’s academic reputation, even when it pits him against those with the power to remove him from office.

We’ve always had some qualms with Powers’ administration, particularly on issues such as domestic partner benefits and gender equity. But when the core of UT’s academic reputation and quality is under attack, we’re glad he’s on our side.

— Douglas Luippold for the editorial board

GALLERY



You should care about the Farm Bill

By Kate Clabby
Daily Texan Columnist

If you are like most college students, you have probably made a meal out of instant ramen. Sure, it’s pretty nutritionally empty but it’s easy to make, it tastes all right and most of all, it’s cheap.

In the search for cheap calories, you have probably also had your fair share of fast food, frozen pizzas and candy. You may have even wished that fresh vegetables did not seem like such an expensive extravagance in comparison to processed junk.

But contrary to what you might think, that processed junk is not cheap by some accident of the free market. Cheap junk food is a result of deliberate government policy. Most of that policy is determined by the Farm Bill, a 1,769 page, \$288 billion piece of legislation that affects nearly every aspect of our food, fiber and fuel system. Most consumers know little about it. And it’s up for reauthorization in 2012.

Today’s farm bill has roots in a series of Depression-era farm programs created in response to a legitimate farm crisis. Farmers were producing so much that prices dropped precipitously. In response, farmers planted even more to try to pull in more money, which depressed prices even further. Overplanting also made land vulnerable to erosion — once-fertile farmland started literally blowing away.

The main government response was to create a system of loans that farmers could use to store grain until prices recovered. If prices never recovered, the government agreed to buy the grain. New Deal farm programs also included incentives for farmers to idle sensitive land, which helped ensure that it would remain suitable for planting year after year.

But in 1973, legislators responded to citizen concern over rising food prices with a new Farm Bill, designed to ensure that cheap food would always be readily available. Like the old farm programs, the 1973 Farm Bill

set a target price for commodity crops. But unlike the old farm programs, its objective was to keep crops on the market even — and especially — when prices were unsustainably low. Today, when prices drop below the cost of production, farmers of corn, soybeans, wheat, rice and cotton sell them anyway.

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But contrary to what you might think, processed junk is not cheap by some accident of the free market.
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Then the government sends a check that keeps them in business.

So farmers grow as much as possible, and American grocery store shelves have remained stocked with incredibly cheap food. But not all food is subsidized, which is why some food is cheaper than other food. Vegetable farmers, for example, can’t count on government checks and have to sell their food at prices high enough to pay their expenses. Most of the crops that the Farm Bill subsidizes are used as feed for factory-farmed animals and as raw materials for processed foods.

Which brings us back to the ramen noodles. According to the ingredients list, it contains enriched wheat flour (wheat), partially hydrogenated cottonseed oil (cotton), soy sauce (wheat and soy), hydrolyzed corn, wheat and soy protein (corn, wheat,

and soy), and the list goes on. Americans are famous for spending a smaller percentage of our paycheck on food than citizens of any other nation. We pay for that food, in part, through our taxes. But we also pay for its consequences in our famously high health care bills.

Opposition to U.S. farm subsidies comes from a diverse chorus of critics. Health advocates blame them for contributing to our country’s obesity epidemic. Environmental activists condemn them for promoting unsustainable farming methods and factory farms. Many conservatives criticize them as wasteful government spending. Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner has referred to the Farm Bill as a “slush fund.” And the World Trade Organization, which opposes agricultural subsidies because they prevent fair international competition among farmers, has ruled U.S. cotton subsidies illegal.

If we want to end farm subsidies, we will have to find a better way to stabilize prices for farmers from year to year. It will be complicated, but I think it’s worth it. Maybe you disagree. Either way, you should be a part of the discussion that shapes the 2012 Farm Bill. And it’s not just agricultural subsidies that are at stake. The Farm Bill authorizes funding and administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as “food stamps.” It helps determine the content of school lunches. It determines whether and how the government subsidizes the production of biofuel.

But unless you tell them otherwise, your legislators will assume that you’d rather they leave the Farm Bill to the agriculture committee and focus on issues more relevant to your life. We need to tell them that it is relevant to our lives and that we do care. We need to demand that the media give it coverage. We need to make sure that the 2012 Farm Bill reflects the interests of everyone who’s affected — and that includes you.

Clabby is an English senior.

THE FIRING LINE

Mock trial’s “laudable success”

Two weeks ago, the UT mock trial team placed third at the National Mock Trial Competition, effectively ranking us third in the nation out of 600 teams from 300 universities that competed. Last year, we placed third and sixth in the nation, and two years ago we placed as well. I am enumerating our accomplishments because The Daily Texan will not.

Despite our continued success as one of the top mock trial teams in the nation, The Daily Texan has never found our organization worthy of coverage. Once a month from November until April, our 15-person team travels across the country, on our own dime, to represent UT in one of the premier collegiate academic competitions.

We realize our group is relatively small and doesn’t deserve as much coverage as issues such as budget cuts or attacks on University research, but surely there is some room in between stories about pet parades and synthetic marijuana bans for a small brief about a group of dedicated, smart

and nationally renowned Longhorns. We may not march to the Capitol or stage attention-grabbing events on the West Mall but we are hard-working UT students who regularly represent the University across the nation.

While The Daily Texan doesn’t care to publish this laudable success, it seems other top university papers do. NYU’s paper and UCLA’s Daily Bruin both published stories about the teams that finished just above Texas. The University of Washington and Tufts University also published about their teams, both of which ranked below Texas.

I’m not asking for a front page story or a multi-issue feature, but I’m disappointed that the Texan, for multiple years, essentially says our accomplishments and dedication are not important enough to mention. I realize there are many pressing issues the Texan must cover in finite column inches, but I wish my student paper cared a little more about students.

— Janet Landry
President, UT Mock Trial

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STARS AND STRIPES



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff
Retired Col. Shelby Little stands in front of the Capitol to commemorate Confederate History and Heritage Month. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Bike safety, awareness poses concern on roads

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

An Austin resident died Saturday after a dark-colored SUV hit his bicycle around midnight on South Lamar Boulevard, according to the Austin Police Department.

Andrew Runciman, a 24-year-old computer programmer, was not wearing a helmet but had a working taillight and headlight, according to KVUE.

The incident is one of more than 100 auto-bike collisions that have occurred in Austin this year, according to APD. Bicyclists riding in between vehicles, running red lights and not adhering to the right-of-way are the main causes of collisions, said senior police officer Veneza Aguinaga.

“Bicyclists have to adhere to all automobile laws if they are riding on the streets,” she said.

Sam Cortez, a bicycle coordinator for UT Parking and Transportation Services, said cyclists should wear a helmet, make proper stops at stop signs, signal their turns by hand and be more observant on the road.

“Everyone [should] be aware of the rules and regulations of operating a bicycle,” Cortez said.

The Austin Cycling Association, a Central Texas bicycling organization, offers safety courses on how to operate a bike and educates bikers on traffic laws, said association vice president Eileen Schaubert.

Traffic Skills 101 is a course designed to educate bicyclists on traffic laws and bike safety, including how to communicate with other road users, change lanes and approach intersections, Schaubert said. The course is offered once a month and is split into two sections, which cost \$30 dollars each, she said.

“There are a lot of ways you can protect yourself,” Schaubert said.

She said the key is to be visible to other road users and practice predictable behaviors.

Broadcast journalism senior Ashley Jennings said she doesn’t consider it safe to ride her bike to campus because she does not trust drivers to be aware of cyclists.

“I am one of those aggressive drivers who doesn’t watch out like [they] should,” Jennings said.

Mechanical engineering junior Jose Navar said drivers in Austin take much more caution when passing cyclists compared to cities such as El Paso where people normally don’t ride bicycles.

He said he has been riding his bike to campus for two months and hasn’t been in any serious situations.

“On bigger streets, when cars are going a little faster, it’s scary, but it’s not too bad,” Navar said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Director of Blanton Museum resigns to focus on teaching

The Blanton Museum of Art Director Ned Rifkin will resign from his position May 31.

Rifkin has been the director for two years, as well a professor of art and art history. He said he decided to resign because he wants to focus on teaching. This semester, he taught a Plan II Junior Seminar called “1962: Era of Conflict, Crisis and Creativity” and said it was a rich teaching experience.

“I’m looking forward to working with students closely and helping them with their learning skills,” Rifkin said.

Rifkin said he plans to start teaching two courses next spring. He said he will miss working closely with art and his wonderful colleagues at the museum.



Ned Rifkin
Blanton Museum of Art Director

“I love works of art and artists and placing them in public view,” Rifkin said. “To work with actual works of art is something very few people get to do in their lifetime, especially art historians.”

Simone Wicha, the Blanton Museum’s deputy director for external affairs and operations, will be the new director, effective June 1.

— Yvonne Marquez

Middle East revolutions may continue

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

Revolutions that swept across Tunisia, Egypt and Libya will continue to spread throughout the Middle East, the editor of a socialist magazine said Wednesday.

Ahmed Shawki, editor of the International Socialist Review, spoke about his experiences reporting from inside Egypt during the revolution to about 90 people at a meeting sponsored by the UT chapter of the International Socialist Organization.



Shereen Ayub | Daily Texan Staff
Socialist activist and journalist Ahmed Shawki gives his firsthand account of the Egyptian revolution Wednesday evening.

Shawki said revolutions in the Middle East will continue despite repressive responses by leaders such as Moammar Gadhafi of Libya.

“I do not believe that the Arab revolt can be stopped,” he said. “I believe there will be a deepening of the process despite the attempts to stop it because the genie has been let out, [it] has been released.”

Shawki said the U.S. will be forced to deal with whatever governments emerge from the revolution in Egypt and revolutions in other Middle Eastern countries.

“You try to win over, co-opt, control, redirect a section of it to make demands that are more palatable to the long-term interests,” he said.

Shawki said he believes the real reason behind U.S. military intervention in Libya is to gain the right to intervene in the region, especially in Saudi Arabia, not to save lives.

“The loss of Saudi Arabia in the Gulf means a complete transforma-

tion of sociopolitical relations and geopolitical relations in the whole region,” he said.

Mathematics senior Michael Schwartz, a member of the UT chapter of the International Socialist Organization, said the organization invited Shawki to discuss historically significant events.

“What you’re seeing is an entire region, which was mostly ruled by dictatorships, many of which are backed by the United States; you’re seeing a massive transformation,” he said.

Jason Brownlee, associate government and Middle Eastern studies professor, said it is impossible to predict the impact of the Egyptian revolution, despite action against

figures such as former Minister of the Interior Habib el-Adli, who awaits trial May 21.

“It’s not clear if these cases will constitute a change in the way the government relates to the people,” he said. “Change of faces without a change of regime, so far.”

Brownlee said Egypt will likely remain a strong U.S. ally, but the U.S. can expect a relationship with more disagreements.

“What the people in Egypt want is not always what the people in the U.S. want,” he said.

Physics graduate student Anindya Dey attended the talk.

“Being an eyewitness, he could actually give a real flavor of the movement on ground,” he said.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT FENCING

Pre-med student takes a stab at fencing

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

Wes Stafford spends his free time stabbing people but aspires to heal them one day.

On Tuesday, Stafford was elected president of the UT fencing club for the 2011-12 year. He is also a pre-med student and has hopes of becoming a doctor.

"There are a lot of really personal reasons as to why I want to be a doctor," Stafford said. "Most importantly though, I want to help people. I have the ability to, so I feel like it's something I need to do."

The fencing team participated in a national tournament earlier this month at the University of Chicago. Stafford had an outstanding performance, only losing four out of 30 epee bouts. The men's epee team came in fifth overall.

"We went up five places from last year and finished a lot stronger," Stafford said. "A lot of the weapons did much better than they did last year."

As a pre-med student, academics are important in Wes' life, but fencing is what keeps him sane through all of the organic chemistry and biology classes.



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

FENCING continues on PAGE 7 Texas senior Wes Stafford practices with the UT fencing club on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL
NO. 3 TEXAS 3, No. 17 BAYLOR 0

Luna leads Longhorns to win over Bears

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore all-American pitcher Blaire Luna tied for the lead in the NCAA for complete game shutouts. Luna fired her 14th shutout of the season and 25th of her career in the Longhorns' 3-0 victory against the 17th-ranked Baylor Bears. Luna lowered her ERA to .91 on the season while striking out 10 and walking three. Luna's ERA ranks second best in the Big 12. The Texas defense gave up three hits on the night but was able to prevent a Baylor score without an error. This victory brought Luna to a record of 25-2 on the season and is the 55th victory of her career. The third-ranked Longhorns are now 43-4 on the season and remain undefeated at 12-0 in conference play.

"I felt good with my performance," Luna said. "I definitely was just trying to stay focused and get ready in the bull pen and come out and be effective."

The Texas offense started off the night slow but ended the game strong, with three runs off of nine hits. The scoring seal was not broken until the top of the



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan file photo

Texas freshman Rachel Fox swings during Texas' 3-0 win over Texas Women's University last week.

fourth inning, when an RBI single by the sophomore first baseman Kim Bruins brought home senior Amy Hooks. After breaking the Texas career home run record against Texas Tech last weekend, Hooks took it one step further by firing a solo home run

during the top of the fifth inning. This home run marks the 12th of the season for Hooks and the 35th of her career. Hooks led the offense against the Bears with a 2-for-4 performance Wednesday while scoring a total of two runs and was responsible for one

RBI, raising her batting average to .370 on the season.

Bruins also had a productive night on offense with two hits and an RBI. She extended her current hitting streak to five

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THE DAN RANT

The Thunder is America's favorite team in the playoffs

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Columnist

Hear that rumbling coming from the distance?

It's a bird. It's a plane. No! It's Thunder. The Oklahoma City Thunder, that is. The NBA team is on its way to the second round of the playoffs.

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INTRAMURALS TRACK AND FIELD

Senior dominates event in track and field meet

By Chris Medina
Daily Texan Staff

In a night full of close races at the annual intramural track and field meet, spectators had to wait only 12 minutes for a blowout to occur.

Fifth-year senior Jena Kincaid lined up for the 1,500 meter alongside a large field of competitors. At the ear-blistering crack of the gun, the woman took off and remained mostly even for the first lap.

But then, before anyone could even comment on how close it was, Kincaid vaulted into first and never looked back.

She finished in five minutes and forty-five seconds. Kincaid was so far ahead of the pack, she had finished the race, bent over to catch her breath, was told her time and got two high-fives before second place finished.

High school experience? She had none. Coach or parent to push her to run? She did not need that either.

"I started running just for fun after high school," Kincaid said. "I played volleyball in high school, and when

that ended, I started running because it was something I could do on my own. It was inexpensive, and it kept me in shape."

From the get-go, Kincaid thought of running as nothing more than a punishment.

"I hated running in high school," Kincaid reminisced. "It was always related to punishment. If you messed up, if you were late or if you did anything wrong, then you had to run. I hated it."

With a family history of staying active and love for any sport, running can turn into many things for a former athlete.

"My dad ran pretty consistently; he worked out a lot," Kincaid said. "He never really ran long distance though, just around three to five miles. I guess I just got addicted to it. It's a good stress reliever. It's easy and doesn't take a lot of skill; it just takes a lot of discipline, and that's what I liked about it when I started so late. I didn't

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LONGHORNS IN THE NFL DRAFT

By Austin Laymance

The 2011 NFL Draft kicks off tonight with the first round. Here's a prospective look at the draft prospects for the Longhorns hoping to hear their names called.

Aaron Williams, DB



Williams has the build of an NFL corner, but he could see himself slide out of the first round because of a poor showing at the NFL Scouting Combine. He did redeem himself somewhat with a strong performance at the Texas pro day, shaving his time in the 40-yard dash down to 4.44 seconds (He ran it in 4.56 at the Combine). Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin was on hand to watch Williams work out and look for the Steelers to take the Round Rock native at the end of the first round.

Best-case scenario: No. 31 to Pittsburgh

Sam Acho, DE/LB



Acho was a model of consistency at Texas, and NFL teams know what they are getting with him. Acho is a high-character guy who understands the game, but he doesn't have the size for NFL teams to take him in the first round. Acho can play with his hand in the dirt or drop back in coverage from the linebacker position,

and his versatility will make him an enticing prospect in the mid-second round. But Acho has been labeled a "tweener," and that could mean he comes off the board in the third round.

Best-case scenario: No. 61 to San Diego

Curtis Brown, DB



Brown is projected to go late in the second round at the soonest but should hear his name called on Friday. Brown was limited at the Longhorns' pro day because of an illness, but he did open many scouts' eyes at the NFL Combine in which his 39.5-inch vertical leap lead all defensive backs. The second team All-Big 12 selection could make an immediate impact on special teams or play the nickel — He has the size and speed to make plays as a rookie.

Best-case scenario: No. 51 to Tampa Bay

Chykie Brown, DB



Brown will be the third Texas defensive back taken in the 2011 NFL Draft, but the Houston native won't come off the board until Saturday. Brown turned

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SIDELINE

NBA PLAYOFFS



NHL PLAYOFFS



BASEBALL AMERICA STANDINGS

1	Virginia
2	South Carolina
3	Oregon State
4	Vanderbilt
5	Florida
6	Texas A&M
7	Texas
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Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant shoots against Denver Nuggets center Nene during the Nuggets 104-101 win Monday in Denver.

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want to watch a team full of video iPods. They want iPad 2s.

The Thunder is the NBA's third-youngest team, with the average age of its players at just more than 25 years old.

This includes the now four-year NBA veteran and back-to-back scoring champ Kevin Durant, who, believe it or not, is still only 22.

In Austin, we all know about Durant. We know he is not just a great basketball player but a great guy. He is also grateful for what he has and what he's accomplished. He's not the egotistic star player who needs to be in the spotlight.

America saw this first-hand this summer. Kind of. When Durant signed a five-year \$86 million contract extension last summer, it was just a side note. That was because meanwhile, another superstar, LeBron James, had the world on the edge its seat as he eventually "took his talents to South Beach."

Durant didn't want to put the Thunder through the same ordeal that Cleveland, New York and the other LeBron suitors had to go through. If he did, there would be a huge distraction right now as the Thunder fights for an NBA championship.

There is much more to the Thunder than

Durant. Russell Westbrook, Serge Ibaka and James Harden, all 22 or younger, give the Thunder a solid core of versatile players who, for the most part, are selfless and complement Durant's play.

America likes selflessness. People don't want to see a player get a spectacle like "The Decision" and then go on to screw over an entire city.

Have you ever heard anyone say they just can't stand the Thunder? I certainly haven't. I've said this once, and I'll say it again: Everyone loves the Thunder.

Part of this has to do with the Thunder lacking any real rivals. It's not like what the Lakers and Celtics have.

The only reason to possibly dislike them would be because they are playing your favorite team. But it still shouldn't bother you too much. And if you dislike them just because they play in the same state as the Sooners, then get a life. For the first time, the state of Oklahoma has something great. They do have casinos, but drinks aren't free and there is a 50-cent ante for each hand of blackjack, so I will just call that good.

The Thunder is good for Oklahoma. It's good for America. And it's good for you. May the Thunder roll.

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"This is a strong family," Stafford said. "It's something I can depend on. It's something that a lot of people can depend on. This team has gotten a lot closer since I've been here."

He started fencing when he was 10 and then quit in high school for swim team.

"I came to UT, and a friend said that there was a fencing team here, and I thought, 'I haven't stabbed somebody in awhile,'" Stafford said. "So I came back and started fencing again and got really involved in it, and it's kind of taken off since then."

Fencing appeals to him because of the combination of strategy and athleticism.

"It's a very personal thing," Stafford said. "You're behind a mask, and all your

facial expressions and all your emotions are behind a mask. So it's very much a contained, personal thing that you develop."

Although fencing is something Wes loves, being an athlete and a pre-med student can be difficult. Time management is key in balancing the two.

"It's really tough and overwhelming sometimes to keep up with school and fencing," he said. "There are a lot of sleepless nights and praying involved."

But the focus that he has learned to maintain while fencing has helped him in his studies.

"When you get on the strip, there is nothing else except the person in front of you," he said. "It's not really even the person. It's the thing holding

a sword that's trying to stab you. That focus allows you to just concentrate on one thing."

Wes uses that same detached focus in his studies and everyday life.

"I would go crazy if I couldn't stab something on a regular basis," Stafford said.

Cole Christensen, a sophomore on the team, is one of the fencers who respects Wes for his achievements in fencing and academics.

"Wes brings a level of expertise that you don't see in a lot of clubs around Texas," Christensen said. "Wes knows what he's doing, and he's actually truly reliable as a fencer and as a person. He is really inspirational, especially to people who have never fenced before."

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have to learn anything about it; I just had to work at it."

Kincaid's late love for the art of running eventually led her to accomplish a feat that only a few people have done, usually only once.

"I eventually built up and started running marathons," Kincaid said. "Over the past five years, I've run eight. I really love the Austin Marathon. It's awesome. I've run that five

times now. My best time for that was 3 hours, 32 minutes."

This commitment to run requires not only physical toughness but also mental toughness.

"I would like to stay in Austin [to teach]," Kincaid said. "There aren't many jobs in education right now though. I am just trying to finish up strong in school and eventually search for a job."



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Fifth-year senior Jena Kincaid after her win in the 1,500 meter race in the Texas intramural championship on Wednesday.

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heads in his workouts, proving to be healthy after a forearm injury and ran the second-best time in the three-cone drill (6.5 seconds) among defensive backs at the Combine. His 4.35-second 40-yard dash at the Texas pro day and

Best-case scenario: No. 155 to Washington

"Mr. Irrelevant"

The infamous moniker is given to the player selected with the last pick of the seventh and final round of the NFL Draft, and a pair of Longhorns could join Mr. Irrelevant as seventh-round selections. Offensive linemen Michael Huey benched 225 pounds 35 times during pro day, more than any lineman at the Combine and could receive a phone call as the draft winds down. Defensive end Eddie Jones has enough size to merit a pick and could wind up in San Diego, as the Chargers are known to spend late-round selections on a special teams prospect.

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games, which is the best streak of her career.

"Our offense is just amazing because once somebody starts hitting, it spreads to everybody else," said freshman shortstop Taylor Thom. "If you do not get the at-bat you want, the person behind you will. It is all about heart and drive, and we want to win ball games."

Up next for the Longhorn's is the 15th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners this weekend in Austin. Tickets are almost sold out for one of the most anticipated games of the season.

"I am really looking forward to the OU game," said freshman outfielder Brejae Washington. "The Big 12 is actually better than it has ever been, and I cannot wait for that game."

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By DAVID OUELLET

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RECYCLE

Bands’ latest albums integrate low-fidelity sound, punk scene

By **Francisco Marin**
Daily Texan Staff

It isn't necessary, at least for Black Lips and Vivian Girls, to cite the growing lo-fi trend in music anymore. In Black Lips' case, mega-producer Mark Ronson took the helm on its upcoming sixth studio album *Arabia Mountain*. Ronson, you may remem-

ber, also produced Lily Allen, Amy Winehouse and Adele. For Vivian Girls, singer-guitarist Cassie Ramone always asserted that the band wasn't intended to be associated with the leagues of lo-fi bands emulating its sound, while also vehemently denying that the band's all-female roster was

some sort of gimmick. One thing Black Lips and Vivian Girls do share though is the true, quintessential spirit of the D.I.Y. punk scene, buried under layers and layers of fuzz and distortion. Black Lips singer-guitarist Cole Alexander talks about bringing punk music to the far cor-

ners of the world like a new-age Marco Polo. Ramone talks about the Vivian Girls' latest album, *Share the Joy*, the way you would describe an existential nightmare: "[It dealt] with alienation, rejection, loneliness ..."

Read on to find out what Alexander and Ramone had to say about the ongoing tour, 1990s nostalgia, collaborating with Waka Flocka Flame and more.

The Black Lips discuss experience working with producer

The Black Lips are an Atlanta-based punk band that has been playing for nearly a decade. Their sixth studio album, *Arabia Mountain*, will be released on June 7.



Erika Rich
Daily Texan file photo

The Daily Texan: Can you tell me a little bit about your upcoming album *Arabia Mountain*? Were there any issues in recording?

Cole Alexander: It's a little more together. I feel like *200 Million Thousand* is a little trashier, sloppier. But this is the first album we ever used a producer, and so it's a little more together, I think. It's more cohesive and accessible but still fucked up at the same time. That's the vibe we got. Like thunder ... in the night.

DT: You mentioned a producer. Were you talking about Mark Ronson?

CA: Yeah, and you would think that that would be contrary to our sound. But Amy Winehouse's album has those great rich sensibilities, those '60s sounds and old-school vibe. We tried to go with that retro vibe with him.

DT: I understand you'll be touring with Vivian Girls as well. I understand you guys recently partied with them, *Surfer Blood*, *The Strange Boys* and a bunch of others recently. Can you tell me a little bit about *Bruise Cruise* [Festival]?

CA: [laughs] We partied with them on the *Bruise Cruise*. They did a cover of Celine Dion's song from "Titanic"

on the boat and scared everybody. But yeah, they're really, really cool.

DT: Now that the band has been putting on live shows for a little more than a decade now, do you feel obligated to tone down the energy?

CA: I wanna bring up the energy, actually. We haven't settled down. We just don't do the same thing over and over again. We're not one-trick ponies that do the same thing. I always tell people that, like with GG Allin, if you can do even 20 percent of what he did, you're going to do amazing things.

DT: I think it's really terrific that you've collaborated with GZA, and I think it was Jared [Swilley, Black Lips member] who mentioned during SXSW that you might try to talk to Waka Flocka Flame about doing something as well, but I couldn't tell if that was a joke or not.

CA: We're talking to Waka Flocka. I really like his Gummy chain, and I think he's bringing some good stuff to the rap game. I really want to talk to Tyler [the Creator] from Odd Future [Wolf Gang Kill Them All].

DT: How would you describe your perfect sandwich?

CA: [laughs] My perfect sandwich is the like fried peanut butter and banana.

Vivian Girls describe theme of music, plans for summer

The Daily Texan: Cassie, we corresponded through mail very briefly, and I was surprised to see you mentioned *Share the Joy*, Vivian Girls' third album, as a "different sort of journey." Can you talk a little more about that? I feel like the word "journey" implies that there were trials and tribulations that came along with the making of this album, maybe?

Cassie Ramone: All of our albums have vague themes. It's important to me to make an album that's more than just a collection of songs. I don't want to hit anyone over the head with a concept, but I do believe that it makes repeated listens more rewarding if there's an element there that you don't pick up on at first.

DT: This might be way off base, but I get the vibe from Vivian Girls' personal style and references to 1990s ephemera (Kimmy Gibbler in "Full House," Christina Applegate in "Married With Children") that the band dwells on childhood nostalgia a lot?

CR: [laughs] The funny thing is, I was never into those shows as a kid. My parents didn't let me watch much TV — only an hour a day of a VHS movie — so I missed out a lot on the collective unconscious of early '90s childhood. The shows I would watch

WHAT: Black Lips + Vivian Girls
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were mostly cartoons. I got really into "Full House" for the first time when I was 19, which I guess is pretty late in the game. I think, for me, it's a thing like — it's something I missed out on, so I find it special, but I was still there when it was around, so it's like a mystery that was right in front of my eyes.

DT: Summer is coming up — it's pretty much already here in Texas. What are your ideal summer plans after this tour is over?

CR: We're going to take a month and a half off before we go on tour again. Ideally, I'd like to take a very long road trip that has nothing to do with touring, maybe drive to the Grand Canyon and stay in that area for a while, with an old school Winnebago, see all the weird sights of the American highway. That won't happen. My realistic plan is to get my wisdom teeth taken out and buy a bed frame — I've been sleeping mattress-on-the-ground style for quite a long time. Exciting, I know.



Vivian Girls is a New York-based band that makes dreamy garage punk influenced by old punk bands such as the Wipers and 1960s girl groups such as The Shangri-Las and The Chantels.

Courtesy of Vivian Girls

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sides. (If you're so inclined, do a Google image search of "Bloody Mary" to see one with crab legs sticking out like the whole thing was a boozy spider demon sent to give you indigestion.)

In that same vein of packing your Bloody Mary to the rim, meet the Meaty Mary: it's just not kosher.

Keep in mind, this drink is a meal in itself essentially created in four Frankenstein-like parts: the cup, bloody

mix, booze and garnishes. Once you've made those, the result is an unhealthy, delicious, spicy nectar of Dionysus, the Greek god of debauchery, which balances the heat of the peppers with the sweetness of the candied bacon to fill your belly and wake up after any night of partying. This is best shared with friends or roommates, but if you're hungry enough you can down this all by yourself.

MEATY MARY

Goblet

Make yourself a candied bacon goblet. Lacing your bacon into a six-by-six strip mat, cover it with brown sugar. Then place an empty tin can in the middle, wrap with bacon and cover with brown sugar until you can feel your heart clogging.

As for cooking it, just place it in your oven and let it bake for 20 minutes at 400°F. Once you're done you should leave the tin cup in so the Meaty Mary won't spill out, but let it cool down in the fridge so you're not drinking your cocktail warm. Then dip the rim in some bacon grease and rim it with some kosher salt to keep the mary's tradition.

Meaty Mary Mix

While the goblet is still in the oven, make the bloody mix. Grab simple tomato juice, fresh being the best, and mix it with some serrano and pepper juice. You can throw the peppers in a blender, dump the blend into a coffee filter and then juice that to make a nuclear green spicy liquid. The piece de resistance, if you're a masochist, is a drop of ghost chili pepper juice.

Ghost chili peppers, or bhut jolokia, is the hottest pepper in the world, coming in just

below law enforcement grade pepper spray on the Scoville scale of heat. People in India use this as elephant repellent, so only use one drop or you will be hospitalized.

Booze

With all this heat and bacon flavor, a good neutral-flavored vodka works fine. But this is the Meaty Mary, so we're going to replace the Bloody Mary's lemons. Mix in an equal part of lemonade Four Loko, because when life gives you lemons, you rage.

Garnish

Finally, it's time to make your garnishes. We aren't going to mess around with any vegetables, so throw out those olives and celery sticks and grab some bacon wrapped serrano peppers filled with cream cheese and jalapeno and cheese corn-dogs slices. For your poppers, just cut off the top, remove the middle part with seeds and fill it with gooey cream cheese. Then for the corn-dog, just remove the stick, fill with cheese and jalapeno seeds and slice it into fourths.

Once all that's done, grab your meat goblet, fill it with your spicy Loko mary mixture, and then garnish it with poppers and corn-dogs. Then just sit back and feel like a superior animal gnawing at your bacon and sipping the peppery nectar of your victory over the spring semester.

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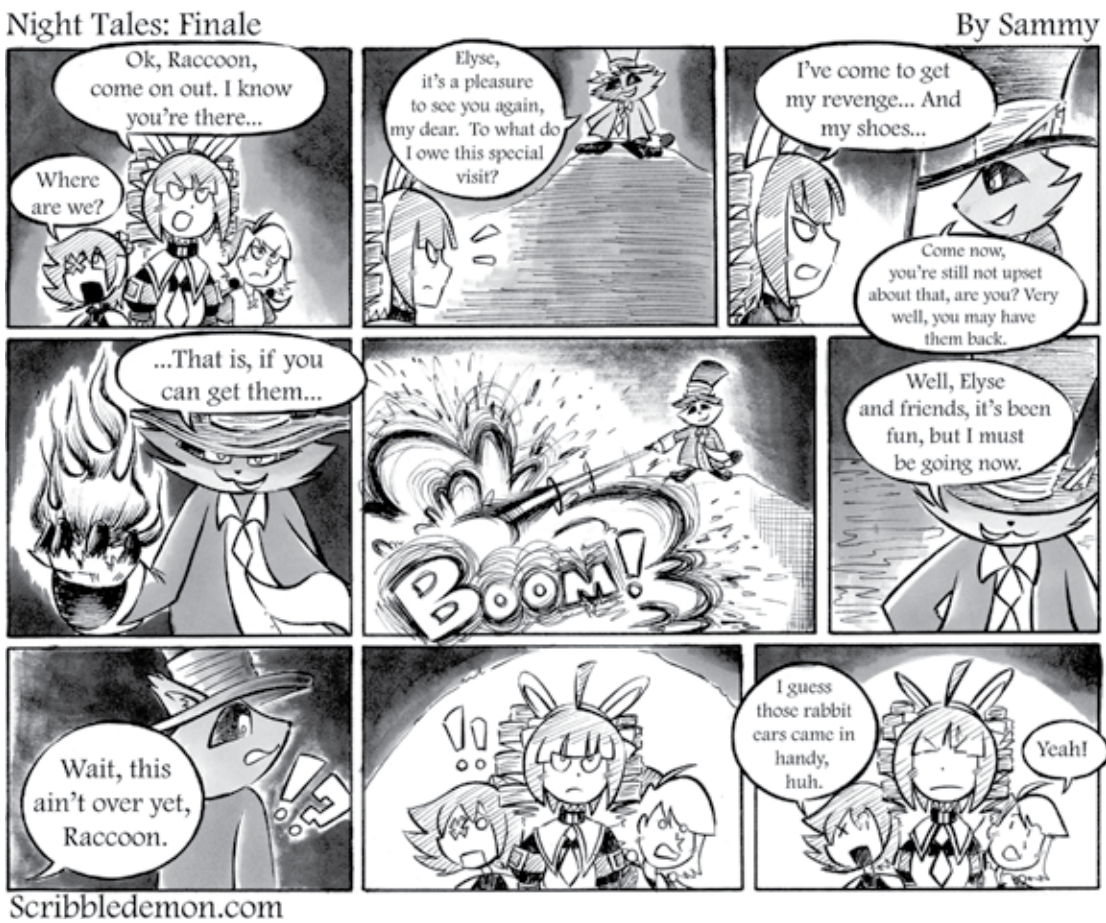
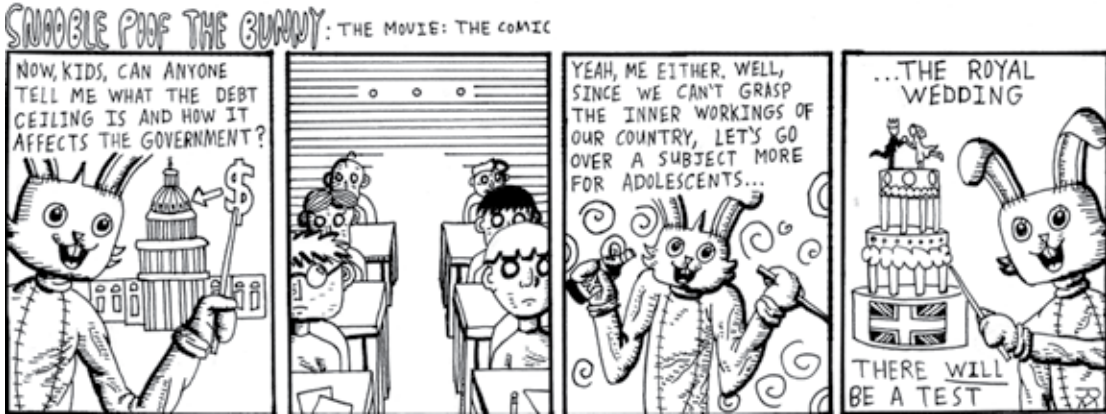
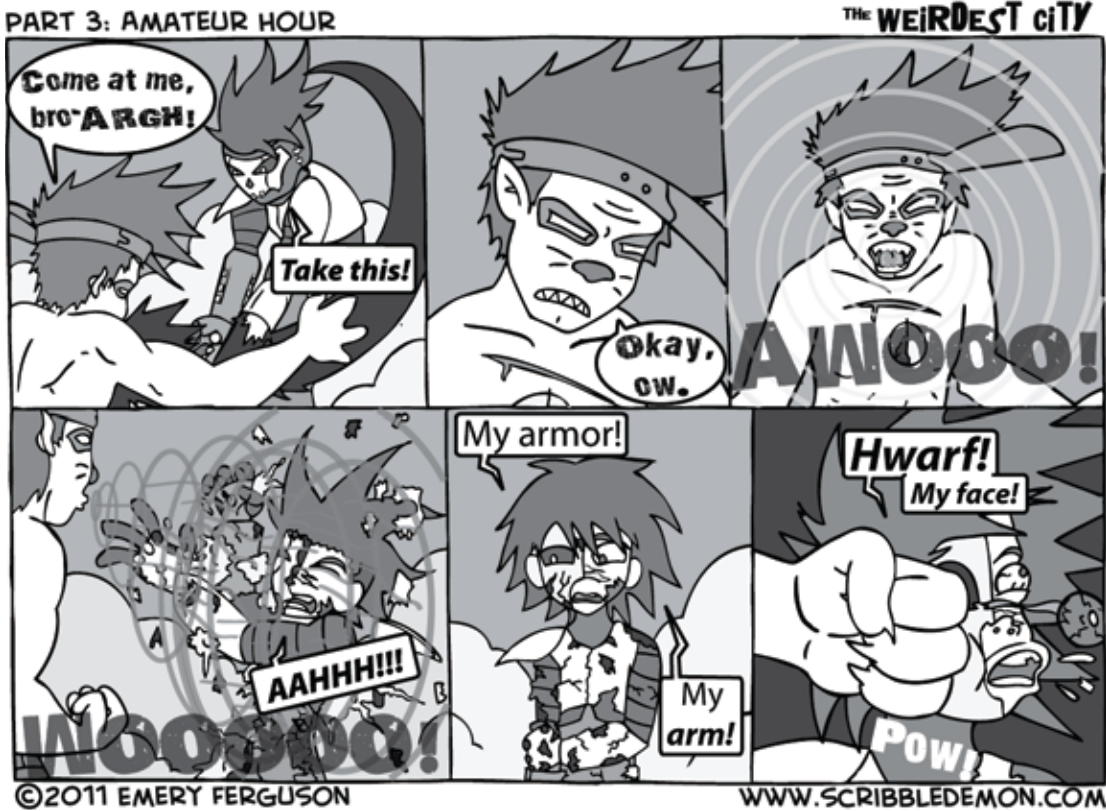
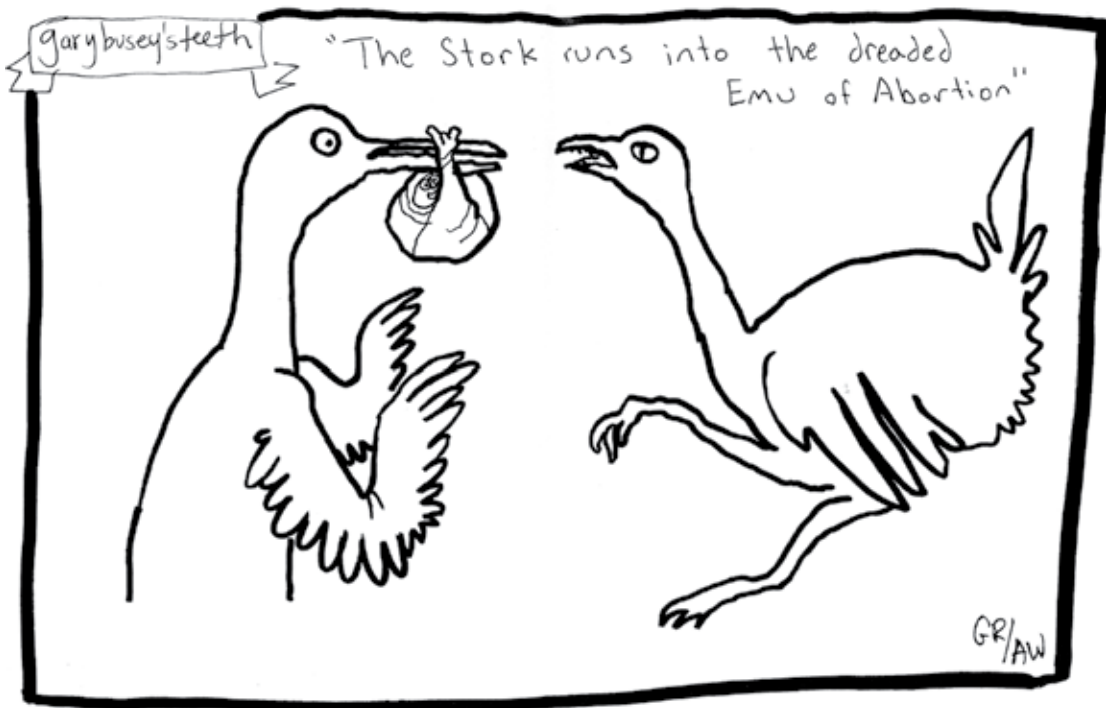
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- 9 Appreciate
- 13 Come _____ surprise
- 14 Something that might reduce a tip?
- 16 Subject of a lesson for Katharina in "The Taming of the Shrew"
- 17 [See circles]
- 20 Where oils are produced
- 21 Imagined
- 22 July 4, 1872, for Calvin Coolidge: Abbr.
- 23 Muckraker Tarbell
- 24 [See circles]
- 33 Called previously
- 34 Pitch

Down

- 35 Title of respect
- 36 Paul of "There Will Be Blood"
- 38 See 28-Down
- 40 Art _____
- 41 _____ shirt (colorful short-sleeved attire)
- 43 Ruth chaser in 1961
- 45 Classic auto
- 46 [See circles]
- 49 Suffix with buff
- 50 Person's head?
- 51 Caribou's domain
- 55 Prevaricate
- 60 [See circles]
- 62 Writer who popularized the saying "To err is human, to forgive divine"
- 63 Position
- 64 Lingering trace
- 65 The 1999 comedy "She's All That" is based on his work
- 66 Unvelled
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Down

- 1 _____ 1000 (annual Mexican race)
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- 3 "The Raven" opening
- 4 "Would they let me?"
- 5 Wicked women
- 6 Doha V.I.P.
- 7 Zebras
- 8 Cause of shouting
- 9 Arts and crafts purchase
- 10 Special glow
- 11 TMZ twosome
- 12 "Cheep" accommodations
- 15 When tripled, "and so on"
- 18 _____ Camp, historic Mormon expedition led by Joseph Smith
- 19 Green surroundings?
- 23 June-August worker, perhaps
- 24 Finish on
- 25 Writer Zora _____ Hurston
- 26 Salami option
- 27 Pink shade
- 28 Common time for 38-Across

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES

- 29 Young 'un
- 30 "Don't be _____"
- 31 More gentlemanly or ladylike
- 32 Kindle download
- 37 His law is represented as I = V/R
- 39 Makeshift Frisbee
- 42 Stick _____ in (test for doneness)
- 44 Keen
- 47 Often-televized celebrity event
- 48 Flier of the X-1
- 51 Recipe amts.
- 52 "This might get ugly!"
- 53 Wine region
- 54 Took a card
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- 56 By any chance
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Bloody Mary utilizes diverse, wacky recipes

THIRSTY THURSDAY By Gerald Rich

The Bloody Mary cocktail's origins are about as murky as the drink itself.

But what is certain is that this drink has become a monstrosity. Why go to an entire Bloody Mary bar when there are tones of other liquors, wines, spirits and cocktails with rich histories and cultures? Since monsters as big as a Bloody Mary can only be taken down by bigger monsters, we're going to play off of the cocktail's historical recipe to create the epic Meaty Mary.

The basics of your typical Bloody Mary are simple: tomato and lemon juices, vodka, horseradish, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce. This is going off of what mixtorian David Wondrich, also a co-founder of the The Museum of the American Cocktail, wrote for Esquire's online Drink Database.

As for its history, Wondrich seems unsure of its origins. The most popular claim is that famous writer Ernest Hemingway stumbled into his favorite Parisian, Lost Generation watering hole, Harry's New York Bar.

As told by Alton Brown in his Bloody Mary episode of "Good Eats," Hemingway, hungover from being Hemingway, manages to pull himself up to the bar and ask some 'hair of the dog' to help him out.

That's when Harry gets the brilliant idea to use some new-

fangled canned tomato juice, a healthy foodstuffs addition in the 1920s and mixes all your basic components of a Bloody Mary into a glass with some sweet gin.

Nowadays, vodka, not gin, is the typical base spirit in this cocktail. However, if this was the '20s there wouldn't really be any in France. Vodka didn't become a viable commercial liquor until the '60s when ingenious Americans bought the rights and marketed it as legal moonshine — both are clear liquids and leave the still at an intoxicatingly high proof.

You can still ask for a gin Bloody Mary, also known as a red snapper, but why would you want to put gin in a Bloody Mary?

It's absurd to try and combine the floral and botanical elements

in gin with hot sauce, lemons and the anchovy-heavy Worcestershire. And if you have enough of any of those ingredients, it's just going to kill the spirits' flavors. Regardless, the red snapper is just one

of the variations to this hulking blob of bloody recipes. There's even a mention on Wikipedia's list of variations called the Bloody Green Dragon. Using marijuana-infused vodka, essentially you can wake and bake as well as recover from your hangover.

It's about time, though, for the silver bullet to finally stop the useless duplication of the same basic recipe. After collectively imbibing enough of these things, you can see a pattern of grotesquely packed glasses with garnishes clawing out to you from all



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One unconventional version of a Bloody Mary, the Meaty Mary, is composed of a candied bacon cup with skewers of jalapeño poppers and corn dogs.

WEEKEND

Austin Psych Fest

The fourth iteration of Austin Psych Fest is a humongous 3-day, 2-stage extravaganza with 58 acts, all stemming from connections to Austin band The Black Angels, which headline Sunday night. Other acts include Roky Erickson, Omar Rodriguez, Black Moth Super Rainbow, Atlas Sound, Dirty Beaches and more and more and more.

WHAT: Austin Psych Fest
WHEN: Friday through Sunday
WHERE: Seaholm Power Plant
HOW MUCH: \$100 weekend pass / \$40 day tickets

Dragon Boat Festival

Austin's Asian American Cultural Center has been putting on Dragon Boat races for 13 years now, and this year's activities also include dancing, music and martial arts performances. All proceeds this year from sales of authentic boat festival foods go toward recovery efforts in Japan.

WHAT: Dragon Boat Festival
WHEN: Saturday at 10 a.m.
WHERE: Festival Beach at Lady Bird Lake
HOW MUCH: Free

The Pain and the Itch

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WHAT: The Pain and the Itch
WHEN: Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. / Sunday at 2 p.m.
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